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To:

All Department Heads

From:

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Chief Executive Officer

## SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT JOBS FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 signed by President Obama provides significant funding for subsidized employment opportunities. To take advantage of this opportunity, on June 9, 2009, the Board adopted a plan that would ensure Los Angeles County's access to the funding so 10,000 residents could be placed into subsidized employment.

To aid in the effort, we are asking Department Heads to commit to providing opportunities for CalWORKs participants to gain work experience in County departments.

DPSS is looking at acquiring slots within County departments to place GAIN participants in subsidized employment in County departments.

Here are a few facts about the program:

- Although participants will gain work experience in County departments they will not be County employees. They will be employees of the City of Hawthorne -South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB);
- Departments will be responsible for LiveScanning candidates;
- Departments are responsible for covering 20 percent of the total program costs
  of the individual; however, departments will be able to cover this cost through an
  "in-kind contribution," most likely the costs of providing supervision and training;
  and

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• This program cannot be used to fill positions behind laid off employees, displace current employees, or impede promotional opportunities.

To initiate this effort, departments should:

- Designate an individual to participate in an upcoming training session on hiring stimulus workers and function as your department's primary contact. Complete the Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) County Department Liaison Sheet; and
- Departments should e-mail the requested information as soon as possible, but no later than June 30, 2009 to DollieYarbrough@dpss.lacounty.gov.

In order for DPSS to best assist your Departments fill stimulus worker slots, training will be provided for your designated staff in early July. DPSS will send an e-mail invitation for the training directly to your designated personnel.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you or your staff may contact Dollie Yarbrough at (562) 908-5738, or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:DollieYarbrough@dpss.lacounty.gov">DollieYarbrough@dpss.lacounty.gov</a>.

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